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# Does Reagan still need them on his team?

As President Reagan's administration gets down to business in the second term, it is encumbered with a couple of people who ought to go.

Surely it would be better for the president if Secretary of Labor Ray Donovan, now spending his time fighting criminal indictment in New York, would take the advice proffered so long ago by Jim Baker. But a secretary of labor — in any administration — can't cause serious trouble even when he's giving the job full time.

Mr. Reagan is carrying another appointee into his second term who can cause trouble. Not only that, on the basis of the first-term record, almost certainly will.

I refer to his director of Central Intelligence, the able and irre-

pressible William Casey, who has already given us a "secret" army in Nicaragua, a "secret" mining of Nicaraguan harbors, the embarrassing necessity of refusing jurisdiction by the World Court, a "secret" handbook on assassination and enough disclaimers to appropriate congressional committees to make Geraldine Ferraro's submissions look saintly.

I speak as one who was pleased when Mr. Casey took over at CIA and as one who said so loud and clear. Perhaps I yielded to sentiment. Mr. Casey was an OSS man during World War II. So was I. He was a friend of Wild Bill Donovan, commander in chief of OSS. So was I. He knew the men who jumped into France, Italy, and Germany to blow bridges, arrange parachute drops, encourage the underground, and help win the war. So did I. Moreover, Mr. Casey was almost surely the last veteran of

OSS who would ever command its peacetime successor. I fancied Wild Bill Donovan smiling his benign if masking smile. "Casey," he would certainly have said, "a very good man; I personally chose him to take over from David Bruce in London."

But it may be that OSS is what is wrong with Bill Casey. He got his experience with secret operations during World War II. In World War II, you tried this; if it didn't work, you tried that. You brought Mr. Donovan a plan for action and if it was active enough, he waved his hand and said, "Let's give it a try."

He never had to think about congressional committees, international law (prayerful hopes in the direction of the Geneva Convention that men in uniform must not be shot as spies excepted) or public opinion. What was public opinion? To win the war.

I believe, though, Mr. Casey thinks it still is. Moreover, I believe he thinks that war is whenever and against whomsoever he may decide. OSS men are so inclined.

Alone, in occupied territory, carrying nothing but a carbine, a radio, and the hope that somebody back in London was listening, they relied for their power and influence upon the

fact that they were American. They made big decisions: which groups America would help; which groups America would not help; which groups were to be trusted; which were suspect. They even decided, upon occasion, which groups would live and which would die.

You may say that such matters of substance must have been largely decided by the command structure. You're wrong. Such matters of substance were decided by the men on the ground — and Bill Casey supported the men on the ground all the way.

After which he came home, began a long and successful career at law and in the marts of finance; then suddenly found himself right back where he had been 40 years before.

I have a deep suspicion, judging from the way he is carrying on, that he doesn't know anything has changed.

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